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SUMMARY. FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY JENS CHRISTENSEN TOLD US DENMARK WILL GO TO CONFERENCE WITH INTENTION TO COOPERATE FULLY IN DEVELOPMENT OF COLLECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM TO RESOLVE ENERGY PROBLEMS OF CONSUMING COUNTRIES. HE RECOGNIZED RESTRAINTS IMPOSED BY EC MANDATE BUT FELT IT WAS BASICALLY NEGATIVE DOCUMENT ON WHAT NOT TO DO, PERMITTING EC MEMBER COUNTRIES CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE ON POSITIVE SIDE. HE HOPED, THEREFORE, THAT US WOULD PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSALS BEARING IN MIND LIMITS TO WHICH FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO GO WITHOUT REFERRAL BACK TO GOVERNMENTS. HE SUGGESTED ANTICIPATED FRENCH OBSTRUCTIONISM MIGHT BE SIDESTEPED BY FOCUSING ON "PROCEDURAL" ACTION PROGRAMS CONTAINING SUBSTANCE IN ANOTHER GUISE. RANKING CIVIL SERVANT IN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO DANISH DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM AND ECONOFF CALLED ON FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHRISTENSEN FEBRUARY 8 TO OBTAIN FURTHER DANISH VIEWS ON WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. CHRISTENSEN SAID IT WAS CLEARLY EIGHT AGAINST FRANCE IN FEBRUARY 5 EC COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE. MANDATE ADOPTED WAS LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR TO ASSURE FRENCH PARTICIPATION. SINCE MANDATE IS MOSTLY ON THINGS NOT TO DO (ON WHICH ALL ARE AGREED ANYWAY), CHRISTENSEN FELT EC MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD FREEDOM TO AGREE TO ANY POSITIVE PROPOSALS WHICH WERE NOT CONTRARY TO GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN MANDATE. HE EXPECTED, THEREFORE, THAT EC CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSION PRESIDENT WOULD REPRESENT COMMUNITY ON ASPECTS AGREED IN MANDATE BUT THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES COULD SPEAK SEPARATELY ON EVERYTHING ELSE. HE FORESAW ATTEMPTS DURING CONFERENCE TO MAINTAIN COORDINATED EC POSITIONS AND THOUGHT THIS MIGHT WELL HAVE BENEFICIAL ASPECTS FROM US POINT OF VIEW, I.E., REDUCING PLETHORA OF VIEWS AT CONFERENCE TABLE.

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2. CHRISTENSEN THOUGHT MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE WOULD BE PROCEDURES FOR POST-CONFERENCE FOLLOW-ON, AND HOPED US WOULD FIND WAY TO AVOID HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION WITH COMMUNITY ON ISSUE OF SEPARATE TASK FORCE. HE UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH US PROPOSAL BUT FELT SAME OBJECTIVE COULD BE ACHIEVED BY ESTABLISHING TWO SEPARATE SPECIAL TASK FORCES UNDER OECD AND IMF, WHICH MIGHT BE MEANS OF AVOIDING A STONY FRENCH NEGATIVE ON THIS ISSUE.

3. CHRISTENSEN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT FRENCH POTENTIAL FOR OBSTRUCTING CONFERENCE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID COMMUNITY HAD LEARNED MUCH ABOUT METHODS OF DEALING WITH DIFFICULT ISSUES IN ITS TWO RECENT SUMMITS. HE FELT PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, IN PARTICULAR, SHOWED WAY IN WHICH DIFFICULT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES CAN BE HANDLED IN PROCEDURAL MANNER THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHEDULE FOR BROADLY AGREED ACTION PROGRAMS. SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES, HE THOUGHT, MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING AN ACCEPTABLE COMMUNIQUE FOR THE WASHINGTON MEETING. THINKING PARTICULARLY OF HIS OWN FOREIGN MINISTER, HE SAID ANOTHER FACTOR TO BEAR IN MIND IS LIMIT TO WHICH FOREIGN MINISTERS CAN GO IN BINDING THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO AGREEMENTS AT SUCH A CONFERENCE. HE HOPED, THEREFORE THAT US WOULD FRAME ITS ACTION PROGRAMS WITH THIS IN MIND.

4. GIVEN FAILURE OF EC TO AGREE COLLECTIVELY ON POSITIVE PROPOSALS FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE, CHRISTENSEN VERY STRONGLY HOPED US WOULD PRESENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON FULL RANGE OF AGENDA ITEMS. HE ASSURED US THAT DENMARK, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS HE HAD DESCRIBED, WOULD TAKE POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE POSTURE ON ALL PROPOSALS FOR ACTIONS WHICH WOULD HELP RESOLVE CURRENT, AND LONGER RANGE, PROBLEMS BROUGHT ABOUT BY ENERGY CRISIS.

5. CHRISTENSEN ALSO INFORMED US THAT AN ADDITION TO THE DANISH DELEGATION HAD JUST BEEN NAMED. HE IS H. H. KOCH, UNDER SECRETARY, DANISH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. IN PRECEDENCE, HE RANKS BELOW JENS CHRISTENSEN AND BEFORE H.O. CHRISTIANSEN (REFTEL), HIS APPOINTMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DELEGATION ELIMINATES WEAK SPOT IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE. BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOWS IN NEXT PARAGRAPH.

6. HANS HENRIK KOCH, AGE 69 IS VETERAN IN DANISH ATOMIC ENERGY AFFAIRS. HE WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF AEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 1956, A POSITION HE STILL HOLDS. CHIEF DANISH DELEGATE TO IAEA SINCE 1958, FREQUENTLY SERVING ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CHAIRMAN OF OECD NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE IN 1967. ENGLISH IS GOOD. APPARENTLY, A STOMACH AILMENT HAS KEPT HIM FROM ALL BUT NECESSARY SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS IN RECENT YEARS. HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND HAS NUMEROUS DECORATIONS.
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